What is claimed is:

- Shed forming device for a weaving machine, comprising 1. two or more sets of hooks (2) which are provided with 5 complementary hooks (2a, 2b), operating conjunction with a pulley (40), characterized in that the complementary hooks (2a, 2b) of one set of hooks are operating in conjunction with one pulley (40), and a number of first pulleys (40a) of one or 10 more sets of hooks (20a) are provided in an upper row (10), and a number of second pulleys (40b) of one or more second sets of hooks (20b) are provided in a lower row (101).
- device according 2. Shed forming to claim 1, characterized in that a first (20a) and a second 15 adjacent set of hooks (20b) operating in conjunction with a first pulley (40a) from the upper row (100) and a second pulley (40b) from the lower row (101) respectively, will overlap one another, at least partly, when projected on a horizontal plane. 20
- Shed forming device according to claim 1 3. or2, characterized in that, after projection horizontal plane, the distance between a first set of hooks (20a) operating in conjunction with a first 25 pulley (40a) from the upper row (100) and a second adjacent set of hooks (20b) operating in conjunction with a second pulley (40b) from the lower row (101) is shorter than the total of half the width of said first pulley (40a) and half the width of said second 30 pulley (40b).
 - 4. Shed forming device according to any one of the claims 1 up to and including 3, characterized in that said first (40a) and second pulley (40b) are shifted widthwise over half a pitch.
- 35 5. Shed forming device according to any one of the

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claims 1 up to and including 4, characterized in that said first (40a) and second pulley (40b) are each provided with one or more pulley cords (5, 15, 16) and in that said adjacent first pulleys (40a) are practically resting against one another and said adjacent second pulleys (40b) are practically resting against one another and are provided with a recess (9), so that the pulley cords (15) connecting the complementary hooks (2a, 2b) of the second sets of hooks (20b) may extend upwards over an upper pulley wheel (4a) of the second lower pulleys (40b), in the recesses (9) of two adjacent first upper pulleys (40a) and the pulley cords (16) being connected to one or more heddles and return springs of a Jacquard weaving machines over a lower pulley wheel (4b) of the first upper pulleys (40a) may extend downwards in the recesses (9) of two adjacent lower pulleys (40b).

- 6. Shed forming device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the device is provided with single lifting elements (3) in order to take along the sets of hooks (20) on selection.
 - 7. Shed forming device according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the device (1) is used in a two- or more-position open shed Jacquard machine.
 - 8. Weaving machine comprising a shed forming device (1) according to any one of the preceding claims.